

Fig. S1. Regulatory T cells can be acutely depleted in $Foxp3^{DTR}$ mice using two consecutive diptheria toxin treatments. Wild type (WT/RSV) or Treg-depleted (DTR/DT/RSV) mice were infected with RSV and diptheria toxin was administered to $Foxp3^{DTR}$ mice twice intraperitoneally to deplete Treg cells. Uninfected wild type (WT) or Treg-depleted (DTR/DT) mice were included as controls. A) Representative FACS plots show the percentage of Foxp3+ CD4+ T cells in the lungs of WT or DTR mice on day 4 post-infection. B) The frequency and C) the total numbers of Foxp3+ Treg cells in the airways (BAL) and lungs on Days 4, 8 and 14 post-infection. Data are representative of three independent experiments. * p \le 0.05, **p \le 0.01.

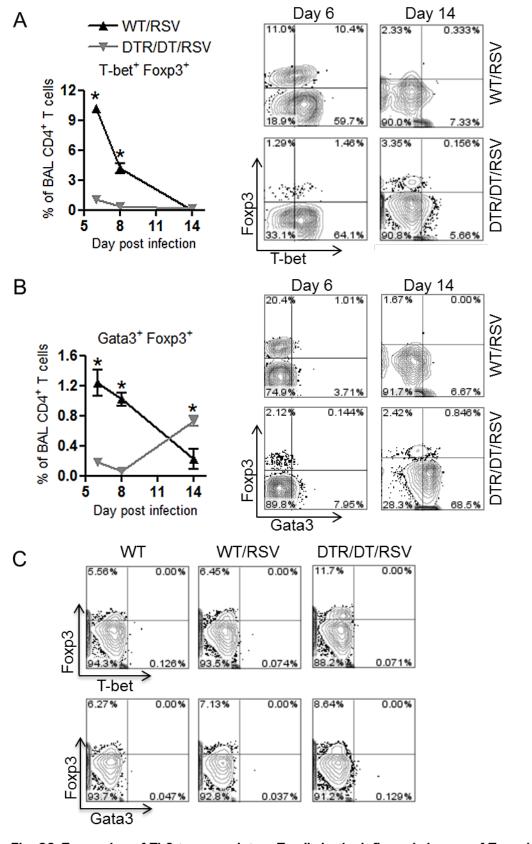


Fig. S2. Expansion of Th2-type regulatory T cells in the inflamed airways of Treg-depleted mice following RSV infection. Wild type (WT/RSV) or Treg-depleted (DTR/DT/RSV) mice were infected with RSV and CD4+ T cells were examined in the tissues using flow cytometry. The frequency of Foxp3+ Treg cells expressing the transcription factorss A) T-bet and B) Gata3 are shown for day 6, 8 and 14 along with representative FACS plots of CD4+ T cells in the BAL on day 6 and 14 post infection. C) Representative FACS plots showing expression of Foxp3, T-bet and Gata3 on CD4+ T cells in the lung on day 14 post infection. Data are representative of two independent experiments (n=3-4 mice per group). * p<0.05, ** p<0.01.